

District Judge Daybook Entry

United States District Court - Southern District of West Virginia at Beckley

Date: 4/29/2024 Case Number: 5:22-cr-00182
 Case Style: USA vs. Christopher J. Smyth
 Type of hearing: Criminal Jury Trial
 Before the Honorable: 2517-Volk
 Court Reporter: Amanda Pickens Courtroom Deputy: Sydney Johnston
 Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff or Government:
 David Zisseron, Kavitha Bondada, Andrew Ascencio, Erik Goes
 Attorney(s) for the Defendant(s):
 Isaac Forman, Mike Hissam
 Law Clerk: Sarah Fox
 Probation Officer:

Court Times

Start Time	End Time	Court Time Description
9:22 AM	10:46 AM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
10:47 AM	11:01 AM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
11:10 AM	11:41 AM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings

Time in court: 2 hours and 9 minutes. Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings

Courtroom Notes

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Scheduled Start 9:00 a.m.

Actual Start 9:22 a.m.

Parties present for voir dire/jury selection.
 Plaintiffs' present in person and by counsel.
 Counsel notes appearances on the record.
 36 jurors present.
 Jurors given Oath on Voir Dire.
 Court goes over voir dire questions with jurors.
 Court takes a recess at 10:46 a.m.

Court resumed at 10:47 a.m.
 Court addresses matters outside of prospective jurors.
 Court takes a recess at 11:01 a.m.

Court resumed at 11:10 a.m.
 Strikes for cause completed.
 Counsel makes peremptory strikes.
 Stricken jurors announced and excused.
 Jury of 12 plus 2 alternates announced and seated to try issue.
 Jury given oath to try the issue.
 Voir dire/jury selection completed at 11:29 a.m.
 Court excuses jury at 11:34 a.m.
 Court takes up matters outside of jury presence.
 Motion for sequestration; granted.
 Court recessed at 11:41 a.m.